

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M28-2

Magi No. 1607195404

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic George E. Peirce House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number New Hampshire Ave. ☐ not for publicationcity, town Ashton ☐ vicinity of congressional district 8th

state Maryland county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dr. Cyrill J. Laughlin

street &amp; number 13716 New Hampshire Ave. telephone no.:

city, town Silver Spring state and zip code Maryland, 20904

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Court House liber 2288

street &amp; number folio 570

city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 ☐ federal ☒ state ☒ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Park Historians Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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## CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
— prehistoric	— archeology-prehistoric	— community planning	— landscape architecture	— religion
— 1400-1499	— archeology-historic	— conservation	— law	— science
— 1500-1599	— agriculture	— economics	— literature	— sculpture
— 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	— education	— military	— social/
— 1700-1799	— art	— engineering	— music	— humanitarian
— 1800-1899	— commerce	— exploration/settlement	— philosophy	— theater
— 1900-	— communications	— industry	— politics/government	— transportation
		— invention		— other (specify)

## Specific dates

## Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The George E. Peirce house is significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. George's house appears on the 1865 map but may be earlier than that. He purchased the land on which the house sits from Joshua and Sally Gilpin in two separate deeds, one conveyed in August of 1851 and the other in May of 1853.<sup>1</sup> The land, parts of land tracts referred to as "Mt. Airy" and "Addition to Charley's Forest" totalled approximately 44 acres. George's father, Joshua Peirce, brought the family from Philadelphia to Montgomery County in 1822. George's mother, Hannah Chandlee Pierce, was a Sandy Spring Quaker. The Peirce family built several houses in the area and founded a store in Brighton.<sup>2</sup> The second section of this two part house was probably built about 1876.<sup>3</sup>

In July of 1880, George Peirce, being "too old to take charge of his farm and to make comfortable provisions for his old age... and facilitate the division of his estate upon death..." conveyed a deed of trust to Edward Peirce.<sup>4</sup> In March of 1881, Edward sold the farm to Benjamin H. Miller, and the proceeds went to George and his children Hannah, Joshua, Samuel and Charles.<sup>5</sup>

Benjamin Miller died in June of 1928, willing the house to his daughter, Rebecca T. Miller, providing that his grandchildren (Julia, William, Lucy and Thomas) should have a home there as long as they remain single.<sup>6</sup> In 1939, Rebecca died and the house was conveyed to the above mentioned people, the nieces and nephews of Rebecca. They sold the farm in December of 1953 to Richard Lansdale.<sup>7</sup> In December of 1956, Lansdale sold it to Cyril J. Laughlin, the present owner.<sup>8</sup> The Laughlins run a beef cattle farm.

<sup>1</sup>Deed STS 5/469 & JGH 2/279, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>2</sup>Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bks., 1866-1887.

<sup>3</sup>Deed EBP 23/356, Mont. Co. Land Records.

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<sup>5</sup>Will PEW 14/44, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.

<sup>6</sup>Deed 1882/565, Mont. Co. Land Records.

<sup>7</sup>Deed 2288/570, " "

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Mont. Co. Register of Wills  
Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bks.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 42.56 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 10/82

street & number

telephone

city or town Rockville

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

George E. Peirce House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

New Hampshire Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Ashton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- ☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- ☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- ☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

- ☒ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERICAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dr. C.J. Laughlin-tenant occupies

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

13716 New Hampshire Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Appears to have been built prior to the Civil War period. This was the house and farm of George Peirce, son of Joshua Peirce of nearby "Riverton". Joshua Peirce brought his family by wagon to Montgomery County in 1822. He had been a hardware merchant in Philadelphia. His wife, Hannah Chandlee, was a member of the "Sandy Spring Community" (a Quaker settlement here) and had inherited many of these lands. The family was quite active in community advancement, and built several houses, founded a store at Brighton, etc. (See reference notes on next page.)

The present owners, the Laughlins, have run a beef cattle farm here for years, but most of the area's farmers have retired, and the Laughlins are presently cutting up this tract into 2-5 acre lots for development.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) Farquhar, R.B. OLD HOMES & HISTORY OF MONT. CO. (1962), chapter on "Riverton".
- 2) MARYLAND HISTORICAL MAGAZINE, (1975) p. 71, etc.
- 3) Farquhar, W.B. ANNALS OF SANDY SPRING, (1884).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

8/14/75

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

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NAME GEORGE E PIERCE HSE 11:28-2

LOCATION N.H AVE ASHTON, Md

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